

THE SKY IS NOT FALLING

HON. ERNEST J. ISTOOK, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend my fellow Oklahoman, Paul Harvey, for correctly pointing out that the theory of global warming is not supported by the facts. The scare mongers would have us shut down our domestic energy production based upon falsehoods. The scare mongers are receiving grants from taxpayers to attack taxpayers' livelihoods. I thank Paul for letting America know the truth.

[From the Climatology, Oct. 17, 1995]

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Many scholars and institutions secure grant money for research by scaring people—by producing bad news about population, about resources, about environment.

One recent-years bogey has been the claim by some academics that "the sky is falling."

Specifically, these scaremongers argue that our use of fossil fuels is figuratively burning a hole in the sky, letter in too much sun, threatening global warming.

This year's Nobel Prize was awarded to three disciples of that theory—that chemical actions are breaking down atmospheric ozone.

Robert Balling, Junior is director of the Office of Climatology at Arizona State University.

He says those peddling this pessimistic prognosis are false—alarmists.

And, he notes, the New York Times is parroting this apocalyptic view of the future, giving its front page to the theory of planetary temperature increases over the past 40 years, retreating glaciers, increasing sea levels and the increase in both drought and heavy rain.

In rebuttal this climatologist responds with satellite measurements. Rather than global warming, this most accurate of all ways of measuring the Earth's temperature shows a slight "global cooling" since 1979.

The Arctic area, where most warming should be expected, has warmed not at all over the past sixteen years according to our satellite observations. According to the measurement of standard weather stations there has been no measurable warming over the past 50 years.

And, says, this climatologist, while some glaciers have retreated—others have advanced—including large ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland.

Organizations within the United Nations, anticipating the inevitability of budget cuts, are desperately seeking to justify their existence.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (PCC) is composed of 2,500 scientists around the world.

Its recent book-length report, clearly labeled, "FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY. DO NOT DISTRIBUTE"... was nonetheless distributed.

It was intended to be circulated among contributors for their further evaluation and further contributions.

Instead it was "leaked" to media people who focused on the summary section and sounded an alarm which has embarrassed many of the scientists who contributed to the study.

There is just enough "Chicken Little" in all of us so that the tabloids with the most gross headlines are the ones which sell best.

I promise, before the sky falls, to let you know.

OUR TROOPS IN BOSNIA

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I question the President's decision to send 20,000 American ground troops to Bosnia. With the additional military personnel the President has committed to the Balkans, our total presence will be over 30,000 men and women.

I believe that, as Americans, we best serve our Nation's foreign policy interests when we present a single, unified voice. The President, however, hasn't yet presented a compelling case for American combat troops.

I am willing to listen to the President, and will base my decision on the following criteria: Is the deployment of troops in our national interest? Are the mission's objectives clearly defined and obtainable? Can the mission be accomplished and finalized within a reasonable time period?

I will evaluate all the facts and, in consultation with the Defense Department and other military experts, reach a decision at the appropriate time.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2126,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 1995

Ms. PELOSI. I rise to oppose the conference report for H.R. 2126, Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1996. On September 29, this House defeated the DOD conference report by a vote of 151 to 267. Since that vote, there have been only minor changes to the contents of this conference report and it should be rejected.

Like the first conference agreement, this conference agreement appropriates a total of \$243.4 billion for defense programs—nearly \$7 billion more than the administration's request. When combined with the defense-related provisions of other appropriations bills, this Congress will have appropriated nearly \$265 billion for defense-related programs during this fiscal year.

My colleagues, these enormous expenditures represent a much greater threat to the security of this country than the former Soviet Union ever did. In order to fund unnecessary weapons systems like the B-2 and the *Seawolf* submarine, we have slashed funding for health care insurance programs, decent and affordable housing, and many higher education opportunities for young Americans.

We should support a level of defense spending necessary to meet our legitimate security needs. We should not support a conference agreement that is filled with corporate pork and wasteful expenditures. Vote "no" on this conference report.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S WISH
WEEK

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of International Children's Wish Week: November 26 to December 2, 1995.

This special week recognizes the courage of terminally ill children who while facing horrible, debilitating diseases manage to remain strong, and the organization that aims to keep their hopes up. Their high spirits send a message of joy and hope to be emulated and celebrated by us all.

Devoting this 1 week to victims of terminal medical diseases, Children's Wish Foundation International, an outstanding organization committed to fulfilling the dreams of terminally ill children, invites volunteers to support these wonderful children and their families.

The Children's Wish Foundation International is a non-profit service organization that brings happiness, comfort, and warmth to children and their families whose most lucid memories involve hospitals, doctors, and a sterile environment. To alleviate their pain, the foundation strives to fulfill a child's wish. The only payment received by the foundation is witnessing the joy that they have brought to a child and their family.

Thousands of wishes have come true all over the United States and throughout the world. Celebrities and professionals of all types volunteer their time and money to make wishes into realities. The joy that is generated fills the hearts of everyone involved, from the child and their family to the member of the Children's Wish Foundation who made the wish come true.

To the Children's Wish Foundation International and International Children's Wish Week, I would like to extend my sincerest admiration and gratitude. The special services you provide and your ceaseless generosity are models for us all.

A TRIBUTE TO BROTHER BOOKER
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HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to the outstanding accomplishments of one of Milwaukee's most beloved citizens. As Brother Booker T. Ashe steps down from his duties at the House of Peace in Milwaukee, I would like to take a moment to reflect on his remarkable contributions to our city and our country.

Brother Booker as he is fondly known has dedicated his entire life to the cause of helping others. For 28 years, Brother Booker has been an unfailing presence in our community. In 1967, he founded Milwaukee's House of Peace, one of the Nation's most successful nonprofit institutions created from a central city storefront with one mission: to provide help for those in need. Brother Booker has always been there. Whether he is providing food to